



MontCAS
Montana Comprehensive Assessment System
December 1, 2011

2011-2012 Statewide Assessment Schedule

December 1, 2011 – January 27, 2012	English Language Proficiency Assessment--WIDA
January 18 - 20, 2012	OPI Assessment and Data Conference, Helena The conference will begin the afternoon of January 18 with a full day on January 19 and morning sessions on January 20.
February 8 - March 23, 2012	CRT-Alternate, Grades 3-8 and 10, Reading and Math; Grades 4, 8, and 10, Science. The first week of this window is intended for training and the preparation of materials.
February 29 – March 23, 2012	CRT, Grades 3-8 and 10, Reading and Math; Grades 4, 8, and 10, Science

Statewide Assessment/Data Conference 2012

January 18-20, Red Lion Colonial Inn, Helena

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- Pre sessions, Wednesday, January 18, 1:00 4:00 pm include workshops on
 - Montana Common Core Standards in Math
 - Montana Common Core Standards in English Language Arts
 - Instructional Uses of English Language Proficiency (ELP), WIDA assessment results
 - ACT Plus Writing Training (limited to schools participating the implementation pilot)
- Thursday, January 19, 8:30 – 4:25 pm
 - 8:30am, Keynote: Tony Alpert, CEO of the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium, will provide updates and insights on the adaptive online assessment implementation in 2014-15.
- Friday, January 20, 8:30 – 11:30
 - 8:30 am, Keynote: Montana OPI GEMS Data Warehouse Project.
- Conference presentations include sessions on assessment and data and training for the 2012 MontCAS CRT test administration.

REGISTRATION

- Register online at http://www.opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/#p7GPc1_5
- On-site registration will be open prior to the pre sessions on Wednesday, January 18 and at 7:15am on Thursday, January 19.
- Breakfasts, lunches, and breaks will be provided.
- Early registration fee is \$65. Starting January 9, the registration fee is \$75.
- Online registration ends January 13, 2012 at midnight. On-site and mail registrations will be accepted at the late registration price.
- Conference support is provided by Montana State University Conference Services. Please contact them at 406-994-3333 or stephanie.stratton@montana.edu with any registration questions.
- Refunds for registration must be requested in writing. Full refunds will be offered until January 1. After January 8, a \$25 cancellation fee will be charged. No refunds will be approved for requests received after January 14, 2011.

RESERVATIONS

- A block of rooms at a special rate at the Red Lion Colonial Inn has been reserved. Please contact the hotel to make your room reservations:
- Phone: 406-443-2100 Website: redlion.com
- Deadline: Tuesday, December 20, 2011. The group code is "OPI Assessment Conference" and must be included in your reservation to receive the conference rate.



For your Holiday Reading

Spring 2012 MontCAS Materials Are Online

http://www.opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/#p7GPc1_7

- 2011 August: Accommodations Guidance Memo
- 2012 Accommodations Manual
- 2012 Checklist for MontCAS Quality Assurance
 - This new optional document can serve as a checklist or as needed for system and building test coordinators and principals. It was piloted and recommended by several schools for the 2011 MontCAS administration.
- 2012 Guidelines and Procedures for Test Security
- 2012 MontCAS CRT Test Administration Manual
- 2012 MontCAS CRT Test Coordinator Guide
- Test Security Agreements
 - 2012 Test Security Agreement for Principals: For the 2012 administration, this form outlines the responsibilities; however, instead of signing the form, principals will complete the agreement online.
 - 2012 Test Security Agreement for System Test Coordinators: For the 2012 administration, this form outlines the responsibilities; however, instead of signing the form, the test coordinators will complete the agreement online.
 - 2012 Test Security Information for Teachers
 - 2012 Registering Students for the CRT-Alternate Assessment

NOTE: The CRT-Alt Test Administration Manual will be posted later in December.



About the English Language Proficiency Test
The WIDA help desk is there to help you.
Please email or call

help@wida.us or 1-866-276-7735

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